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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital..........$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund..........$ 6,300,000.
Reserve Liability of Proprietors..........$10,000,000.

Court of Directors:—
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Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to $200,000.
On Fixed Deposits.—
For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 4½ " " up to $200,000.
" 12 " 4 " " on sums in excess of $200,000.

Hongkong—Interest Charged.
6 % on LOANS against Shares with full margin.
6 % on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.
7 % on Current Account Overdrafts.
7 % on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital..........£1,000,000.
Subscribed Capital..........£ 500,000.

Head Office—Hongkong.

Court of Directors.
D. Gillies, Esq. — Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. — W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. — Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager.
Geo. W. F. Playfair.

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C. B. Stuart Wortley, Esq., M.P. for Hallam.
Geo. Murray, [illegible] *Manager.*

Bankers.
London—The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland—The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Shanghai—Advisory Committee.
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The BANK is now prepared to make advances on Goods in Neutral Godowns, and on other securities at rates to be obtained on application: also to receive money on Current Account or Fixed Deposit.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 6 %
[illegible]
Current Accounts [illegible]
Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1891. 2179

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital..........£2,000,000.
Paid-up Capital..........£580,000.

London:
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

Branches in India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally.

E. W. RUTTER, *Manager.*

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1562

WASHING BOOKS [illegible]

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

Intimations.

CITY HALL.

NOTICE.

THE Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in and SUBSCRIBERS to the above Institution will be held in the Library on MONDAY, the 28th December, 1891, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

H. L. DENNYS, *Secretary.*

Hongkong, December 24, 1891. 2371

THE HONGKONG BRICK & CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 4 o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31st, 1891.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th Instant to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

W. H. WALKER, *Secretary.*

Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2331

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 1st January, 1892, Issue INTEREST WARRANTS of $5 per Share, PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the same being at the Rate of 10 Per Cent. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1891.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Agents,* Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2360

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

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WATERBURY WATCHES
(Most Reliable and Accurate Timekeepers)
E SERIES
IS NOW OFFERED FOR
2 DOLLARS 50 CENTS each.
Gentlemen's J SERIES @ $4.75 each.
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Inspection is respectfully invited.
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
8, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1891. 2301

E. Kressmann, Bordeaux.

THE Undersigned hold STOCK of this Firm's well-known BRANDS of CLARETS:

	Per Case of 12 qts.	Per Case of 24 pts.
Medoc	$ 5.25	$ 6.25
St. Julien	6.00	7.00
Margaux Medoc	8.00	—
Château Lafon Rochet, St. Estèphe 1883	11.50	12.50
Moulis Brillette, Medoc 1880	13.25	—
Château Lamothe, Moulis 1876	14.25	—
[illegible] vin 1880 mis en bouteilles au Château	17.75	—
Château Léoville, Barton 1880	20.50	—
Château La Lagune 1875	24.75	—
Château Calon Ségur, St. Estèphe 1875	26.00	—

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, October 19, 1891. 1989

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.
NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
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NAUTICAL BOOKS.
English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware.
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.
DIAMONDS AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY.
A Splendid Collection of the Latest London [illegible] 749

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers, will be thankfully received at the Sailors' Home, West Point.
Address: Care of Superintendent.

Business Notices.

Christmas 1891!!!

NEW SEASON'S PUDDING FRUITS.

MUSCATELS, SMYRNA FIGS AND ELVAS PLUMS. ALMONDS IN SHELL, BRAZIL AND BARCELONA NUTS. FILBERTS.

SOUPS, FISH, GAME, PATTIES, ENTREES, TONGUES, &c.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS TRUFFE.
SPICES, HERBS, SAUCES, CANDIED PEELS, ESSENCES, VINEGARS, CATSUPS, VANILLA, FLAVOURING SYRUPS.

SAUSAGES.
BOLOGNA, HAM TONGUES and CHICKEN, ABERDEEN SAVORY, OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE, PORK, AND TRUFFLED.

VEGETABLES.
FRENCH, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ASPARAGUS,
WHOLE ASPARAGUS IN WATER.
Philippe & Canaud's FRENCH VEGETABLES.
Crosse & Blackwell's ENGLISH VEGETABLES.
Cutting Packing Co.'s AMERICAN VEGETABLES.

SELECTED YORK HAMS,
Wiltshire-cured Bacon and Pig's Cheeks.

STILTON, GORGONZOLA & CHEDDAR
CHEESE.

PLUM PUDDINGS & CHRISTMAS CAKES.
FANCY DESSERT BISCUITS, ICE WAFERS.

MINCEMEAT.
FRUITS in Syrup, Noyeau & Brandy: FRENCH PLUMS,
WHOLE PINE APPLES in Syrup, AMERICAN DESSERT FRUITS.
CRYSTALLIZED METZ FRUITS.

CONFECTIONERY:
Butter Scotch, Cocoa Nut Ice, Turkish Delight, Almond Rock, Assorted Toffee,
Chocolate Creams and Fancy Chocolates.
Volckman's wholesome SWEETIES for Children.

FINEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY:—
DRAGEES:—Almonds, Avelines, Liqueur, Pistaches and Burnt-Almonds; Amandes, Fondants, Coquillages, Pralines, Orangetines, Italian Biscuits, Fruit, Cherrytines, Almond Paste, Nougatines, Apricotine, &c.

Bonbons and Cosaques.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 5, 1891. 2263

W. POWELL & Co.

SPECIAL SHOW
OF
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES,
SUITABLE FOR
USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL PRESENTS.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 14, 1891. 2315

ROBERT LANG & Co.'s
DRESS SUIT,

NEWEST MATERIALS, from $30.00, Silk-lined.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEED, AND OTHER SUITINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, Latest Style.
Do. TIES and GLOVES.
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Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now ONE of the principal HOTELS in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, *Proprietors.*

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL,

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TARIFF.

	$ c.		$ c.
Board & Lodging per day (1 person),	5.00	Sitting Room per day,	3.00
do. do. for married couples (occupying 1 room),	7.50	Extra Bedroom per day,	2.50
Board & Lodging ℔ month (1 person),	90.00	Bed and Breakfast,	2.50
do. do. for married couples (occupying 1 room),	135.00	Breakfast,	0.75
Extra Bedroom per month,	45.00	Tiffin,	1.00
Sitting Room per month,	50.00	Dinner,	1.50
		Children by arrangement according to age.	

Special Terms for *a week* and from *Saturday* to *Monday.*
Tram Tickets supplied to Visitors at *reduced rates.*

For further Particulars, apply to *The Secretary,* 38 & 40, Queen's Central, or to *The Manager,* MOUNT AUSTIN. 1935

Intimations.

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

MRS. FALCONER has VACANCIES for Gentlemen Resident Boarders, at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 18, 1891. 1388

WING HONG,
TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
Just Received
A LARGE STOCK OF
FANCY FLANNELS, SERGES, Scotch TWEEDS, Chinese SILKS.
All Kinds of
WINTER WOOLEN CLOTHS *on hand.*
Selling at Lowest Prices, also,
Best Tailor Work and Perfect Fit GUARANTEED.
Please call in and try.
68, Queen's Road Central. 2050

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS 1891.

THE Undersigned is now prepared to SUPPLY
CHRISTMAS CAKES
of the Best Quality, weighing from 1 lb to 10 lbs. Ready on Hand, and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c., &c., &c.

D. NOWROJEE.

Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2330

TRADE MARK.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1612

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT, the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,'
E. L. HUNTER, *p. Manager, Hongkong.*

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD, *Manager, Hongkong.*

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
F. DE BOVIS, *Chief Manager.*

For the 'New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'
E. W. RUTTER, *Manager, Hongkong.*

For the 'Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris,'
L. GLENAT, *Acting Agent, Hongkong.*

For the 'Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
DE WESTLEY LAYTON, *Secretary.*

'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, *Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, December 23, 1891. 2368

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS, *Manager.*

Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2332

NOTICE TO MARINERS, *No. 252.*

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF THE TUNGSHA LIGHT-VESSEL.

NOTICE is hereby given that on or about the 7th January next, the Tungsha Light-vessel *Tungsha* will be REMOVED from her Station for Repairs, and that she will be REPLACED by the Light-vessel *Newchwang.*

The *Newchwang* will show a *fixed white* light, which should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 11 nautical miles, and a small *white* light will be exhibited from the forestay at a height of 6 feet above the rail, to show the direction in which the vessel is heading. Her hull is painted red, with the word 'Newchwang' in white on each side, and she has three masts, the main carrying a black ball.

During thick or foggy weather a steam fog horn will be sounded at intervals of 10 seconds.

The *Tungsha* will return to her station as soon as her repairs have been completed.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,
A. M. BISBEE, *Coast Inspector.*

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 9th November, 1891. 2143

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL AERATED WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Persons other than the Customers of the Firm found in possession of the same will be proceeded against as the law directs.

A. H. MANCELL, *Secretary.*

Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1613

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day established himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS BROKER.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, December 7, 1891. 2276

NOTICE.

MY Son HENRY HUMPHREYS was admitted into Partnership with me on the 1st day of July last.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, December 12, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS heretofore carried on under the name of Jno. D. Humphreys will henceforth be Conducted under the name of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, December 12, 1891. 2316

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $100,000 on First-class Risks at current rates.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.

Hongkong, September 19, 1891. 1802

To Let.

TO LET.

NO. 18, Hollywood Road.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1891. 2258

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A Few HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, containing 5 ROOMS each and Bath Rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation. Cheap Rent.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, August 6, 1891. 1544

TO LET.

3-STORIED HOUSES in Foreign Style, Nos. 39, 41 & 43, Wanchai, Queen's Road East, Yard at the back of the premises and Water pipe laid on.

Rents Moderate, apply to
YEE HING, *No. 5, Wanchai.*

Hongkong, November 5, 1891. 2104

TO LET.

THE PREMISES known as Bowrington Foundry with Dwelling House (5 Rooms).

Also,
A Large GODOWN, SHEDS and YARD.

For further Particulars, apply to
GORDON & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2334

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Lydia,* Captain Th. Förck, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ld., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 22, 1891. 2362

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenfruin,* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 3rd Proximo, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2358

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *PATHAN,*
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 23, 1891. 2367

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Agents,*
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, December 10, 1891. 2288

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Namoa,* Capt. Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 24, 1891. 2376

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

The Steamship *Bantam,* Capt. Van der Valk, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 24, 1891. 2373

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Stuttgart,* Capt. W. v. Schuckmann, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2355

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Taiwan,* W. N. Allison, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 18, 1891. 2342

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(*Calling at* PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, *and taking through Cargo to* NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship [illegible], Captain [illegible], will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, 5th January, 1892, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is [illegible] for Passengers, [illegible] Chambers, [illegible] Meats, Milk, Ice, [illegible] the voyage.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2367

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON *VIA* PORTS OF CALL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Moyune,* O. H. Kemp, Com'ander, will be despatched as above on or about the 11th of January, 1892, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2290

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 *L.1.1.* Amer. Barque *Martha Davis,* Pendleton, Master, now due, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1891. 2241

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 *L.1.1.* American Ship *Sachem,* Bartlett, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1891. 2242

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. Taylor.

This Article, which has been reprinted from the *China Review,* contains one of the best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written.

A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, $1—at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s, and Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. Moalle, Amoy.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA; ALSO LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th December, 1891, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *MELBOURNE*, Commandant BEVILAQUA, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 29th December, 1891. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2336

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

China..........TUESDAY, Jan. 12/92
City of Peking..........THURSDAY, Feb. 4/92
City of Rio de Janeiro...FRIDAY, Feb. 26/92

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CHINA* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO *via* YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 12th January, 1892, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. $225.00
To Liverpool and London $325.00
To Paris and Bremen $345.00
To Havre and Hamburg $335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—

4 months $337.50
12 „ $393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 % from Return Fare. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 19, 1891. 2351

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th day of January, 1892, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. *STUTTGART*, Capt. W. v. SCHUCKMANN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m. on the 15th January, Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 16th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENCY'S Office.) Contents of Packages is required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2353

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic..........THURSDAY, Dec. 31.
Belgic..........SATURDAY, Jan. 23/92.
Oceanic v. Honolulu..TUESDAY, Feb. 16/92.

THE Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, *via* Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 31st December, 1891, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault New Westminster, Port Townsend, Scattle, Tacoma, Portland, O. $225.00
To Liverpool and London $325.00
To Paris and Bremen $345.00
To Havre and Hamburg..........$335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

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Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

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4 months $337.50
12 „ $393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 %. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received day the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the at previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 9, 1891. 2285

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'s ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE, CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of Japan	Tuesday	Jan. 5, 1892.
Empress of China	Tuesday	Feb. 2, 1892.
Empress of India	Tuesday	March 2.

THE R. M. S. *EMPRESS OF JAPAN*, 5,900 tons, Captain GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 5th Jan., 1892, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VANCOUVER, *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

(In Mexican Dollars).

FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	One way Fares.	Prepaid Return 4 Mos	Prepaid Return 12 Mos
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimault, New Westminster, B.C. .... Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash .... Portland, Ore., San Francisco, ...	225	338	394
Banff, Calgarry Alba	255	383	487
Winnipeg, Man	275	413	482
Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth Minn	285	428	499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo .... Milwaukee, Wis	295	443	517
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont. .... Buffalo, Niagara Falls N.Y.	305	458	534
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y. .... Baltimore, Md., Philadephia, Pittsburg, Pa. .... Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass Portland Me. .... Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.	310	465	543
Liverpool, and London via Liverpool	315	575	650
Paris via Liverpool and London	345	not issued	
Havre, via Liverpool	335		
Bremen, „	345		
Hamburg „	335		

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials.

CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVOICES of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C.

PARCELS must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For Further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Commercial Agents.*

E. HOLLOWAY, *General Agent.*

Hongkong, December 10, 1891. 2282

Entertainments.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th.

LAST GRAND CONCERT.

SOIRÉE BEETHOVEN-WAGNER.

Herr Friedenthal,

Kindly Assisted by

MRS. D. GILLIES AND MR. VON WILLE.

PROGRAMME:

THE CELEBRATED SONATA APPASSIONATA OF BEETHOVEN and another for PIANO & VIOLIN by the same Composer.

SELECTIONS from 'THE FLYING DUTCHMAN,' and the 'WALKYRE' (WAGNER), arranged by Liszt and Brassin.

SELECTIONS from HANDEL, BACH, SCARLATTI, GRIEG, TSCHAIKOWSKI, JENSEN and others.

Hongkong, December 24, 1891. 2373

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

A

26.—Alice Memorial Hospital.
24.—Anderson, Capt., G. C., Praya Central.
40.—Anderson, Capt., G. C., Praya East.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B

46.—Belilios & Co.
47.—Belilios, E. R., Kingsclere.
48.—Belilios, E. R., The Eyrie.
18.—Butterfield & Swire.
36.— Do. do.

C

3.—Cantlie, Dr J., Victoria Peak.
15.—Central Station.
30.—China Borneo Co., Ld., Steam Saw Mills, Bowrington.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
71.—China Sugar Refinery.
73.— Do. do. Town Office.
55.—Cowie, Dr Alex.

D

12.—'Daily Press' Office.
60.—Dakin Bros. of China, Ld.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

E

14.—E. E. & A. China Telegraph Co., Ld.
66.—Ezra, N. N. J.

F

4.—Foster, F. T. P.

G

31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
80.—Government Civil Hospital.
14.—Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ld.

H

2.—Dr Hartigan, Dr Cantlie, Dr Cowie, Queen's Road.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
77.—Ho Tung, Praya Central.
82.—Ho Tung, Bonham Strand.
20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.
25.—H.K. & W. Dock—Aberdeen Dock.
28.—Holliday, J. F.
32.—Hongkong Hotel, Public Telephone.
81.—Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ld.
45.—Hughes, E. J., Office.
67.—Hughes, E. J., Residence.

I

50.—Imports & Exports Office.

J

21.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Kerosine Godown.
23.—Jordan, Dr G. P.
43.—Jordan, Dr G. P., Residence.
53.—Judd, Wm., Residence.

L

5.—Linstead & Davis.

M

39.—Mackintosh, E., Residence.
6.—Manager's Office.
35.—Mount Austin Hotel.

P

3A.—Peak Hospital.
29.—Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Ld.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

R

34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray, E. C., Office.

S

52.—Sailors' Home.
7.—Scott, H., Residence.
37.—Scottish Oriental S.S. Co., Ld.
61.—Stevens & Co.
62.—Stevens, Geo. R., Residence.

T

58.—The Hongkong Electric Co., Ld.
9.—The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
1.—'The Hongkong Telegraph.'

V

56.—Victoria Hotel, Public Telephone.

W

16.—Watson, A. S., & Co., Ld., Hongkong Dispensary.
57.—Wickham, W. H.
63.—Woo Kee.

Y

33.—Yuen Fat Hong.

☞ The Exchange is open day and night.

W. STUART HARRISON, *Manager.*

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NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINESE; with special reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the *China Mail* Office, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.—Price, 75 cents.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ARDV, Norwegian barque, Capt. A. Christensen.—Kong Wing Tai.

G. H. WAPPAUS, British barque, Captain P. Hansson.—Chinese.

MARTHA DAVIS, Amer. barque, Capt. W. A. Pendleton.—Shewan & Co.

SPINAWAY, British barquentine, Captain James Garrick.—Siemssen & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 28th Inst., at 5.30 p.m. precisely, instead of THURSDAY, the 31st Inst. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2380

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA *VIA* AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Zafiro*, Capt. COBBAN, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2379

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Ningpo*, Captain R. KÖHLER, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2376

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Formosa*, Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2382

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Departure of S.S. *Lydia*, Captain TH. FÖRCK, for the above Ports is POSTPONED until further Notice.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2369

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Ajax*, Capt. RAWLINGS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2377

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI *VIA* AMOY.

(*Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for* NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW *and Ports on the* YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Nestor*, Capt. THOMPSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2378

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Sikh*, ROWLEY, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 12th January, 1892, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2350

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship *Monmouthshire*, Captain CUMING, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 18th January, 1892.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2375

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, &c.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

TO PLEASE THE MOST FASTIDIOUS,

from..........................$1 to $100.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES in Dainty Boxes.
Do. in Quaint Baskets.
Do. in Pretty Caskets.
from..........................Cts. 25 to $12.00.

WINES AND SPIRITS. NONE BETTER!

22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 2366

Business Notices.

1891. CHRISTMAS. 1891.

PRESENTS

TOYS. DOLLS. GAMES. TEA SETS. MAGIC LANTERNS. BONBONS. COSAQUES. CHOCOLATE CREAMS. CONFECTIONERY.

PLUSH GOODS. LEATHER GOODS. ELECTRO-PLATE. PHOTO FRAMES. FANCY GLASS WARE. TABLE ORNAMENTS.

☞ The STORE will remain open until 7 o'Clock during XMAS WEEK. ☜

Hongkong Trading Company, Ltd.,

Telephone No. 13. *4, Queen's Road & Duddell Street.* 2346

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Bremen & Ports of Call	Stuttgart (s)..........	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Jan. 16, at 3 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Ajax (s)..........	Butterfield & Swire...	December 30
London, v. Ports of Call	Moyune (s)..........	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Jan. 11.
L'don, H'burg & Awp.	Monmouthshire (s)....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Jan. 18.
Manila, via Amoy......	Zafiro (s)..........	Shewan & Co..........	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Saigon..	Melbourne (s)..........	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 30, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Sikh (s)..........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Jan. 12.
New York..........	Martha Davis	Shewan & Co..........	Quick despatch.
New York..........	Sachem	Shewan & Co..........	Quick despatch.
Port Darwin, &c......	Tainan (s)..........	Butterfield & Swire...	January 2.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Gaelic (s)..........	O. & O. S. S. Co........	Dec. 31, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	China (s)..........	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 12, at 1 p.m.
Shanghai..........	Ningpo (s)..........	Siemssen & Co..........	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai..........	Stuttgart (s)..........	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy...	Nestor (s)..........	Butterfield & Swire...	December 29.
S'pore, S'baya & S'rang	Bantam (s)..........	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Namoa (s)..........	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 27, at daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Formosa (s)..........	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 29, at noon.
S'ney, M'bne & A'laide	Airlie (s)..........	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 5, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s).	Canadian P'fic R. Co..	Jan. 5, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe..	Lydia (s)..........	Siemssen & Co..........	Quick despatch.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are notified that the RANGE will be OPEN on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, but No Firing can take place on TUESDAY, 29th Instant.

ED. ROBINSON, *Acting Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, December 26, 1891. 2381

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 24, 1891:—

Zafiro, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, Manila December 21, Hemp and Cigars.—SHEWAN & Co.

Continental, Dutch steamer, 672, C. Schall, Haiphong December 21, and Hoihow 23, Rice from Haiphong, and General from Hoihow.—ORDER.

December 25:—

Ningpo, German str., from Whampoa.

Martha Davis, American barque, 832, W. H. Pendleton, Honolulu November 29, Oil.—SHEWAN & Co.

Ashington, German str., 809, C. Zindel, Wuhu Dec. 20, Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Woosung, British str., 1,127, Sawer, Batoum November 15, and Singapore Dec. 16, Kerosine.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Bantam, Dutch steamer, 1,520, L. Van der Valle, Amoy December 24, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Amoy, German steamer, 814, Th. Lehmann, Shanghai December 22, Rice and General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Canton, British steamer, 1,110, Thos. Sellers, Shanghai December 22, and Swatow 25, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

December 26:—

Fushun, Chinese steamer, 1,504, A. Croad, Shanghai December 23, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 25:—

Ashington, for Whampoa.
Picciola, for Hoihow.
Haverton, for Singapore and New York.
Amigo, for Haiphong.
Frejr, for Hoihow.
Phra Nang, for Kobe.
Ancona, for Yokohama.

December 26:—

Pathan, for Shanghai.
Glenfruin, for Shanghai.
Pollux, for Swatow.
Amoy, for Whampoa.
Canton, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Michael Jebsen, for Guam.
Namoa, for Swatow.
Else, for Haiphong.
Ardgay, for Swatow.
Drot, for Kutchinotzu.
Meefoo, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Mr Carlos Weil, Mr Harry Streiff, Mr Wm. St. John H. Hancock (returning), and 25 Chinese.

Per *Continental*, from Haiphong, &c., 6 Chinese.

Per *Bantam*, from Amoy, 46 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, from Shanghai, Mr McGluckland, and 22 Chinese.

Per *Canton*, from Swatow, Crew of the *Tongshan*; from Shanghai, 2 Europeans, and 80 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Frejr*, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Zafiro* reports:—Had light Easterly wind leaving Manila; moderate wind up the Luzon Coast; strong N.E. monsoon, with high sea, on opening up the Ballingtang Channel; and thence same weather to China Coast.

The Dutch steamer *Continental* reports:—Very strong breeze, clear sky from Haiphong to Hoihow, high sea much water on deck; from Hoihow to Hongkong, the same weather.

The British steamer *Canton* reports:—Had fresh monsoon and fine clear weather, with heavy sea throughout.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

LIST OF VISITORS.

Mr J. B. Coughtrie	Mr Charles C. Malsch
Miss Insoll	Mr and Mrs Overbeck
Mrs Jones	Mr Poate
Mr and Mrs H. B.	Mr A. Ross
Joseph and child	Mr A. E. Skeels
Mr Franklin R. Kendall	Mr Taylor
	Miss Taylor

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

Per *Holstein*, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Melbourne* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondichery, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

12.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

12.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage* until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Empress of Japan* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 5th January, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, Canada, the United States of America, and countries beyond, *via* Vancouver, B.C.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.—

11.15 A.M. Registry closes.

11.30 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 the day before.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way).

10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.

10.30 A.M.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.

11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.

☞ LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

Letters, Parcels, &c., *for* Kowloon Point and steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Station Compound up to 12 and 4 o'clock.

Local rates will be charged.

To avoid robbery, senders of letters from Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them.

Covers containing Bank Notes, Jewellery &c. should be registered.

There will be no Sunday delivery.

☞ PEAK DELIVERY.—Letters, &c., will be delivered by the 12 and 3.30 o'clock Trams only. Correspondence and Parcels *for* the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3 p.m., or in the Letter Boxes in the Cars till time of Departure. With regard to letters from the Peak additional Letter Boxes have been affixed to Police Boxes at Magazine Gap, by Peak Church, and at Mount Kellet, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m. Local Rates will be charged.—No Sunday delivery. Senders are requested to cancel their Stamps by writing the word Stamped across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c. should be registered.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Glenfruin* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—*Ningpo* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Zafiro* leaves for Manila, &c.
4 p.m.—*Bantam* leaves for Samarang, &c.

Meetings.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders in and Subscribers to the City Hall, in Library.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Diligentia Lodge.
8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, December 29:—

3 p.m.—Tenders for Purchase of Opium Farm received at Colonial Secretary's Office.

Goods per *Lydia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, December 30:—

3 p.m.—Confirmatory Meeting of Shareholders, H.K. High Level Tramway Co., at Hongkong Hotel.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The H.K. Brick & Cement Co., Ld., at Company's Office, Bank Buildings.

Goods per *Pathan* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, (New Year's Day), 1892:—

Kowloon Customs Office, &c., close.
Local Banks close.
Issuing of Interest Warrants of $5 on Shares of Canton Insurance Office, Ld., payable.

SATURDAY, January 2:—

Local Banks close.

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TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

(*Via Southern Line*).

RUSSIA'S POLICY AS REGARDS COREA.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

It is semi-officially stated that Russia has no idea of the conquest of Corea, but will not tolerate similar designs by other powers.

WEATHER.

Severe frost in Great Britain.

IMPERIAL DECREES.

The Chinese Mail (Wa Tsz Yat Po) published the following Imperial Decree dated the 24th instant, in its to-day's issue:—

According to the memorial presented by the Board of Civil Offices submitting as a report of an inquiry to the Throne that [illegible], Military Governor of [illegible], and [illegible], Taotai of [illegible], U-chow and Kwong-chow of the same pro-

vince, deserved to be degraded two degrees but might be allowed to retain their respective offices, an Edict, has been issued sanctioning the Board's recommendations, allowing the Governor and Taotai named to be exempted from being degraded two degrees on this occasion and permitting them to retain their respective offices, but depriving them of all merits credited to them and all additional official degrees ever bestowed, as an atonement of their offence.'

It will be remembered, says the same journal, that in October last Kwan-kiang, President of the Board of Rites, in company with Vice-President Tsin Ying Fu, were commissioned by a special Decree to proceed at once to Hunnan to investigate certain matters of importance anent Governor Yü Fün and his subordinates, who were reported to the Throne by a censor at that time, who stated that it was not advisable to allow the Governor to retain his position on account of non-fulfilment of duty by his subordinates in connection with certain serious cases. His Majesty the Emperor, in response to the Censor's memorial, directly instructed the two special Commissioners to inquire into the cases above referred to, and, on the report of their enquiry having been presented to the Throne, Imperial instruction was given ordering the report to be handed over to the Board of Civil Offices for consideration and decision, hence the above Decree.

Another Imperial Decree under the same date also appeared in the same paper announcing that Tong King-Sung, Taotai of Formosa, is appointed to the post of Provincial Treasurer at Formosa. This treasurership was formerly held by the late Sham-Yai-Tin, who, until the recent arrival of the present Governor, Shin-Yen-lien, was in temporary charge of the Governor-ship of Formosa and who died on the 5th day of the present moon (5th instant).

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Colombo, Foyle*, Nov. 13; *Ainsdale*, 20; *Shasi*, 21; *Cardiganshire, Wo Sang*, 27; *Niobe, Patroclus*, Dec. 1; *Malaca*, 4; *Glenavon, Sydney, Strathavon*, 8; *Benalder, Charters Tower*, 11; *Prometheus, Kintuck*, 15.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Metapedia*, Nov. 17; *Europa, Guy Mannering*, 24; *Benlomond*, 27; *Anchises, Bellerophon, Friga, Rossija*, Dec. 1; *Carmarthenshire, Hebe*, 4; *Achilles, Brindisi, Glenorchy, Orion*, 8; *Kaisow, Laertes, Orus*, 11; *Polyhymnia, Sachsen, Sarpedon, Yorkshire, Hankow*, 15.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd S. S. Company's steamship *Stuttgart*, with the GERMAN MAIL of 24th Nov., left Singapore on Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, 26th Dec.

The M. M. Co.'s steamship *Sydney*, with the French Mail of the 27th Nov., left Singapore on Wednesday, Dec. 24th, at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 31st Dec. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 21st.

The s. s. *Torrington* left Singapore on Dec. 14, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 26.

The China Shippers M. Co.'s s. s. *Moyune*, from London and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 26th Dec.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Nestor* left Singapore on 19th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 26th Dec.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Teucer* left Singapore on Dec. 20th, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 27.

The Ben Line steamship *Benvenue*, from London, left Singapore on Dec. 20, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 27.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Bormida*, from Bombay, left Singapore on Dec. 20th, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 27.

The s.s. *Wingsang*, from Straits and Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 30th Dec.

The E. & A. Co.'s s. s. *Guthrie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on Dec. 22nd, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 31st.

The German steamer *Niobe* left Singapore for this port on December 25th, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Jaunary 1st, 1892.

The P. and O. s. s. *Canton* left Bombay for this port on 11th Dec.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—1ST SUNDAY AFTER XMAS.

Matins:—Venite, Hine; Psalms, Randall, Turle & Beethoven; Te Deum, Woodward &c.; Psalter p. xii; Jubilate, Hayes; Anthem, 'Jesu Word of God;' Kyrie, Schubert No. 6; Hymns, 172; 67.

Evensong:—Psalms, Turle, Goss & Purcell; Magnificat, Barnby; Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns, 243, 447 & 32.

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, 27TH DEC.

11 A.M.

Hymn, No. 39; Psalm, No. 72, verses, 1-12; Chant 'Barrow'; Anthem, Te Deum (Jackson); Hymns, Nos. 35 & 31.

AT the Magistracy to-day Mr Wise fined John Cassidy, gunner, Royal Artillery, $2 with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment for being drunk and assaulting a Chinaman on Christmas Day.

FOR being drunk and disorderly and damaging a vehicle, Robert Kerr, marine, *Linnet*, and Albert J. Wilts, marine, *Victor Emanuel* were each fined $1 with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment by Mr Wise at the Police Court to-day. They were also ordered to pay 50 cents as compensation for the damage done.

MESSRS Siemssen & Co. inform us that the German steamer *Niobe* left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 25th, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 1st. January, 1892.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH'—The Mission Steam Launch *Dayspring* will call alongside vessels hoisting Code Penant C between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service. Returning about 12.30.

THREE bluejackets, named Arthur Bever, seaman, 'Imperieuse,' John Cummings, stoker, 'Pallas,' and John Connell, seaman, 'Pallas,' appeared before Mr Wise at the Magistracy this morning to answer to a charge of assault on a policeman. They pleaded not guilty. From the evidence that was led it appeared that the first-named couple had been fighting in Tai-wong Street on Wednesday night when they were interrupted by an Indian policeman. Against the interrupter common cause was made, and one of the accused struck him over the head with his rifle. The policeman also had his cape torn in two. Assistance arriving at the time the combstants, along with Connell, were taken into custody. Bever and Cummings bore traces of the fight, and they pleaded that the policeman had mauled them first. Connell's story was that he had just appeared on the scene, having heard the noise, when he was seized by a constable and taken to the Police Office. Cummings, who seemed from the evidence to have been the worst of the trio, was fined $5, and Bever and Connell $3 each.

YESTERDAY being Christmas Day a general holiday was observed. All the Government Offices, banks, and principal European places of business were closed, and Christmas was celebrated with all the time-honoured customs. On Christmas Eve, high mass was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral; and at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, where Christmas carols were sung, there was a large attendance. The carols were very well rendered. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated. Yesterday, a well-attended service was held in St. John's Cathedral. The offertory was in aid of the establishment of an industrial home for girls rendered destitute by the recent earthquake in Japan. This benevolent proposal was brought to the notice of the Bishop by the Chaplain to the Legation at Tokio, and commended as a suitable object for the Christmas offertory. Carols were sung on Christmas Day at the Sailor's Home. Most of the vessels in the Harbour were gaily decorated with bunting.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* gives the following letter, recently received by a local firm, from a correspondent in Cape Coast, as a brilliant example of English 'as she is wrote':—'Gentlemen,—Having heard your recommendation from one of the London merchants by a letter that you are the best manufacturers of your Price List and as I now induce to write this letter to introduce myself to your established firm, and by meanwhile allow me to ask for samples you get in stock, you will no longer seen what sort of a merchant I am. Please I should like to send you my orders along with this letter, but some says without seen a cow's foot is rather impossible to buy it. So I hope you will keep this in your mind by sending me the above requestion. May this small chance bear in mind to have the chance of commencing your trading.'

AN Invention to stop Cock-crowing.—In the suburban districts of London much annoyance has been caused, and unneighbourly squabbles induced, by cock-crowing at untimely hours. A correspondent says a contrivance has been devised whereby the nuisance complained of may be obviated, peace secured, and harmony restored. It is a very simple one. Let a lath be loosely suspended over the roosting-place of the aggressive bird, and immediately he rears his head and stretches his neck as a preliminary to a raucous blast he receives a rap on the comb which checks his performance and fills him with astonishment. After repeated attempts, attended with a like disconcerting result, he subsides into a gentle melancholy, and ruminates, possibly, over the degeneracy of the times, till the day being sufficiently advanced, he is allowed to roam abroad.

THE *Sheffield Telegraph* says:—The Rev. Charles Bennett, vicar of St. John's, Barnsley, and his wife are about to leave England to take up missionary work in the East. It is not yet decided whether Bombay or Southern China shall be the scene of their labours, but early in December they will sail, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, for one of these centres of work. At present it seems most probable that Hong Kong will be the future residence of Mr and Mrs Bennett, and if so they will take up the superintendence of the mission there, though Mr Bennett's labours will chiefly be carried on amongst the Chinese on the mainland. During their dozen years' residence in Barnsley Mr and Mrs Bennett have shown themselves earnest and devoted workers for the welfare of the people, and their departure from the town will be much regretted, especially by the poor of their own parish. They have not taken up mission work merely on the spur of the moment, a sudden and newly-found enthusiasm. For years they have contemplated the step, and, the difficulties which stood in the way having disappeared, the long-cherished design is about to be put into execution. It has been long considered. Both are eager for it. Their friends will regret their departure from amongst them but admiring their zeal and self-sacrifice all will wish them God-speed, and trust they may be happy in the arduous, but truly noble work in which they are about to engage.

A RUSSIAN naval lieutenant, who has lived many years in Japan, relates in the Cronstadt *Viestrick* (the official organ of the navy) that the whole of the Japanese aristocracy are strongly inclined towards the Protestant form of religion, and that they only wait for the Mikado to change his religion in order to follow his example. However this may be, the writer, in passing through Tokyo lately, saw plain evidence that the ancient superstitions have yet a firm hold upon the masses of Japan. One hideous idol in the Temple of Asaksa is indelibly imprinted on his mind. It had originally been a wooden image in a sitting posture—of a man, probably, but all the features of the face, eyes, nose, mouth, ears were clean rubbed away and the arms were but wooden stumps. The poor, credulous ones, who were suffering from disease, whether of eyes, nose, arms, legs or any other part of the body, come to this idol for relief. This they believed was to be obtained by rubbing the part of the idol corresponding to the diseased part of their own body, and then rubbing the part of their body where the disease lay—repeating this over and over again. While standing before the temple the writer saw many of those deluded people—men and women—have recourse to this begrimed, filthy, featureless god; and wondered how much disease that wretched idol was responsible for spreading among its devotees.

A NOTICE has been issued by the Chief of the Metropolitan Police in Tokyo to the effect that the capture of swallows is forbidden, and that any person violating this regulation will be subject to minor confinement of from one to three days and a fine of from 20 *sen* to 1 *yen*. It does not appear that swallows have ever been an article of diet with the Japanese, but of late a demand for their plumage has sprung up among foreigners, and as much as 25 *sen* a brace is paid for them. The birds can be captured without the slightest difficulty, their tameness in Japan being a matter of general notice. When, therefore, it became known that money was to be made by selling them, a busy crusade was organized, first in Kyoto, where nearly every second house has a swallows' nest under the eaves, and afterwards in Tokyo. If there were question of mere song birds the authorities might not feel justified in interfering, but the swallow plays a most useful part as a destroyer of noxious insects, and it is felt that if the work of destruction were suffered to continue unchecked, the extermination of the little bird, so far as Japan is concerned, would soon ensue. The police in Kyoto issued prohibitory notices some time ago, and now the police in Tokyo have followed suit. We are glad that the step has been taken.—*Mail*.

THE CHARGE AGAINST J. F. WEBBER.

This morning J. F. Webber was brought up, on remand, before Mr Wise at the Magistracy on a charge of perjury.

Mr Dennys said that as this case was not likely to go on to-day, his Worship might fix a day for trial.

Mr Wise indicated that the case would certainly not be taken up to-day.

Mr Webber asked what his Worship proposed to do with regard to bail. He did not expect Mr Fraser-Smith would go bail for him.

Mr Wise said the case would be taken on Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mr Webber asked if his Worship would liberate him on his own recognisances.

Mr Wise—Bail as before.

Mr Webber—But I can't get bail.

Mr Wise—I cannot help it. This is such a serious charge that I must fix bail as before.

Subsequently, Mr Webber was liberated, surety on his behalf having been lodged by the Hon. Phineas Ryrie.

POLICE SHOOTING MATCH.

MARRIED v. SINGLE.

Yesterday a return match was fired at the Police Rifle Range, Kowloon, between teams of married and unmarried members of the Hongkong Police. The married men were captained by Inspector Mann, and the unmarried by Acting Inspector Kemp. Conditions—seven rounds at 200 400, and 500 yards, position any. Victory rested with the unmarried men by 25 points so they have won both matches. Appended are the individual scores:—

SINGLE.

	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Acting Inspector Kemp	31	27	24	82
P. C. Christie ...	29	26	25	80
Sergt. McDonald ...	26	23	30	79
Acting Sergt. Warnock	29	27	20	76
Sergt. Gillies ...	30	24	20	74
P. C. McLennan ...	26	19	25	70
Sergt. Hannah ...	25	25	17	67
P. C. McLeod ...	29	21	16	66
P. C. Gauld ...	22	20	17	59
Sergt. Baker ...	24	19	12	55
				Total 708

MARRIED.

	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Acting Sergt. McNab	29	31	25	85
Sergt. Robertson	29	28	22	79
Acting Sergt. McIver	28	26	25	79
Sergt. Harkin ...	23	25	25	73
Inspector Butlin	25	25	19	69
Inspector Mann	30	23	14	67
Inspector Corcoran	19	22	24	65
Inspector Bremner	28	25	8	61
Sergt. Ford	23	17	16	56
Inspector Quincey	26	14	9	49
				Total 683

No man who knows himself is proud.

A MAN finds the poorest companionship when he 'entertains a suspicion.'

SAYS a doctor: 'A man's health is good as long as he is ignorant of the ownership of a stomach.'

'ARE those people anybody?' 'They are known by everybody, but care to know nobody.' 'Then they must be somebody.'—*Life*.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

This match was played on the ground of the Hongkong C. C. yesterday and to-day. The Services batted first. Mr Young was soon returned to pavilion having been given out l. b. w. from the first ball of the match. The next to leave was Captain Dumbleton who scored 15 out of 18 during his brief stay at the wickets. On Jeffkins and Captain Dunn becoming partners, a prolonged stand was made, and the spectators were treated to some free and attractive cricket. The wicket was perfect, and the bowling not too difficult, so the bat had a decided advantage over the ball. Before being splendidly held in the long field, behind the bowler, by Leach, Jeffkins had compiled 67 out of 189. Dunn and Loring played out time yesterday, the score at the drawing of stumps being 270 for three wickets, of which Dunn had 150. When he had scored 130, he was caught behind the wickets, but, unfortunately for the Club, the umpire evidently did not see the catch and he gave 'not out.' On resuming to-day, Dunn raised his total to 200. He had just reached the double century when he was bowled by Coxon. Besides the catch already mentioned the batsman had given other two chances—one hard left-hand to Darby at point off Lowson and the other to E. Maitland at long-leg off Ellis. Otherwise, his innings was an exceedingly good display of dashing cricket. Besides a tremendous leg hit for 7 down the road past the Barracks, he had three 5's, four 4's, and thirty-seven 3's. The innings of the United Services' eleven ultimately concluded for 382. The fielding of the Club was only fair. The bowling was shared by E. J. Coxon, Dr Lowson, E. W. Maitland, Darby, Ellis, Leach, and Taverner, but only the first three were successful in securing wickets. Coxon had five wickets for 140 runs, Lowson four for 89, and Maitland one for 45 runs.

With such a long score to face, the Club had nothing to play for but a draw. Lowson and G. S. Coxon were the first to represent the Club, and they had put together a few runs before the bell rang for tiffin. Twenty-three runs were got when the first wicket fell to Railton, and as the wickets began to drop somewhat quickly it looked as if a collapse was to take place. However, the last two or three men played with extreme caution, while E. W. Maitland put together a good score. About a quarter of an hour from time, Jeffkins, who was very successful with his underhand twisters, found his way into Ezekiel's wicket, and the innings terminated for 192 or 190 runs behind. E. W. Maitland played cautiously and well for his score of 56. The bowling was shared by Railton, Jeffkins, Ilewicz, Dunn, Dumbleton, and Taylor. Jeffkins was the most successful with six wickets for 33, Railton had two for 36, Dumbleton one for 15, and Dunn one for 24.

During the day excellent music was discoursed by the band of H. M. S. *Imperieuse*, the following being the programme:—

March......'Bank Holiday'.....Hare.
Valse......'Ma Charmante'.....Waldteufel.
Selection..'Barbe Bleue'.......Offenbach.
Quadrille..'Olympia'.........Williams.
Selection..'The Gondoliers'....Sullivan.
Polka......'The Dragoons'......Fahrbach.

The following are the full scores:—

UNITED SERVICES.

R. J. Young, R.E., lbw, b Lowson	0
Qr. Mr Sergt. Jeffkins, R.E., c Leach, b E. J. Coxon	67
Capt. H. Dumbleton R.E., b Lowson	15
Capt. J. Dunn, A.S.C., b E J. Coxon	200
E. M. Loring, R.E., b E J. Coxon	27
C. J. Taylor, R.N., b E. W. Maitland	10
Lieut. Moore, R.N., c F. Mailand, b E J. Coxon	12
B. E. M. Waters, R.N., b Lowson	11
Capt. Cavendish, A. & S. Highlanders, not out	17
Dr F. Ilewicz, R.N., c F. Maitland, b Lowson	0
L. Corp. Railton, R.E., b E. J. Coxon	2
Extras,	21
Total,	382

HONGKONG C. C.

Dr Lowson, b Railton	15
G. S. Coxon, b Railton	5
E. J. Coxon, c Dumbleton, b Jeffkins	21
A. J. Leach, lbw, b Jeffkins	2
S. L. Darby, b Jeffkins	5
E. A. Ram, b Jeffkins	21
E. C. Ellis, b Jeffkins	0
E. W. Maitland, not out	56
F. Maitland, c Taylor, b Dumbleton	12
G. S. Taverner, c Ilewicz, b Dunn	10
E. S. Ezekiel, b Jeffkins	12
Extras,	33
Total,	192

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the Festive Season is with us once again, and the Colony seems to be doing its best to have 'a real g od time.'

That the Clerk of the Weather is behaving himself like a gentleman and a Christian.

That, from the many glad wee faces to be seen, it would appear your readers must have taken to heart the excellent advice you recently offered—to never let slip the opportunity of making glad the heart of a child.

That the children (God bless them!) show us at all times, but more particularly at this season, what true and unalloyed happiness is like.

That their gleeful acknowledgments of the bounty of Santa Claus is the sweetest music one can hear.

That for the 'children of a larger growth' Christmas cheer has its drawbacks, which are usually realised 'the morning after.'

That the 'carols' at St John's Cathedral were much enjoyed.

That sounds of revelry floated on the midnight air all over the colony on Christmas Eve.

That it would be difficult to say whether 'Auld Lang Syne' or 'Down went McGinty' had the best of it.

That our new Governor is favourably impressed with what he has seen of us so far.

That it is to be hoped the opinion will be greatly strengthened before another Christmas comes round, and that His Excellency, as the representative of the Queen, will see that, although we have been sorely tried by Her Ministers, Her Majesty has no more loyal subjects in all her wide dominions than those of the Isle of Fragrant Waters.

That the arrogant mandarins on the mainland, including the Viceroy of Kwangtung, ought to be taught that it is not a slight matter to violate British territory.

That a Chinese official, as a rule, is entirely destitute of anything like good faith, and is imbued with the Jesuitical idea that 'the end justifies the means,' which idea he invariably acts up to.

That Sir William Robinson will no doubt keep this in view in dealing with our astute and slippery neighbours.

That there are ominous growlings from the shipping interest about the treatment shipmasters receive at the hands of foreign tide-waiters at Canton; but that a general consensus of opinion acquits Messrs May and Cocker of any connection with it, these two gentlemen being universal favourites, alike with natives and foreigners.

That possibly the irritation may be caused by the obtuseness of some new-comers; but at all events those interested in local Insurance Companies will not feel happy at the idea of hard-worked Captains having their legitimate rest broken up by the repeated calls of Customs officers to search the ship on the eve of her departure down the crowded river, possibly during the 'wee sma' hours' of darkness, when a man has to have all his senses alive.

That the little seen but much felt control of the Foreign Customs Service of China is daily becoming less pleasing to the British mind.

That the continual attempts being made to strengthen that control tend inevitably to accentuate the feeling that though we are willing to help China to secure her legitimate revenue, the freedom of our port must be maintained and the Chefoo Agreement allowed to lapse after its allotted term.

That people should get rid of the idea that China can be of any use to us as a possible ally in the event of trouble with Russia.

That of course we do not want to quarrel with China, nor do we desire her territory; we have to depend on ourselves and the resources of the British Empire, and, like the time-honoured names and numbers of our fighting regiments, 'we're no deid yet.'

That it is stated on excellent authority that *cheap* coal, of the very finest quality for steam-raising purposes, will soon be available here.

That the monopoly of the market hitherto held by the saucy modern Japanese will therefore be broken up.

That the Japanese have had a good innings and are becoming just a wee bit too sharp and modern, and a little competition will act as a wholesome corrective.

That cheap coal means prosperity for this colony, and whoever gives it to us will surely earn a place in the local Temple of Fame, if not in that of the Empire.

That the 'merry Mexicans' will certainly flow into his coffers, while the heart of the Broker will be made light, and joy shall reign in Israel.

That some time ago an irresponsible globe-trotter described Hongkong as something like a sink of iniquity, and that we were therefore very wroth.

That if the same thing was said of the Colony now, and the proceedings in the recent libel case at the Supreme Court pointed to as proof, we should not find it easy to bring rebutting evidence.

That the jury in the case had the most disagreeable week's work they ever had in their lives; and that they gave the most careful and intelligent attention to the evidence.

That Sir James Russell was a miracle of patience and impartiality, but that he refrained from making the severe comments which he might have made on some of the features of the case.

That quite a phenomenal amount of interest was shown by Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the recent application by Mr K. J. Shellim for a public-house licence.

That no fewer than twenty-one J.P.s, instead of the usual two or three, turned up at the adjourned meeting to consider the application.

That as this was all the better for Mr Shellim, he may be presumed to be a man who is wise in his generation.

BROWNIE.

MOST men have their hobbies—this one books, that fame, the other pelf—
BUT heaven protect us from the man
whose hobby is himself.
—*N. Y. Press*.

SHE stood outside the pearly gate,
Although no angel could be sweeter,
'Cause there was no one round just then
To introduce her to St. Peter.
—*N. Y. Herald*.

Do your best and let that end it,
All your worry is in vain;
You can carry an umbrella,
But you cannot make it rain.
—*N. Y. Herald*.

A quiet scholar, who had spent a day
With folks of fashion, was desired to say
What entertainment he had chanced to get,
And how he liked the ladies he had met!
'Ah! well enough!' he said; 'and yet, 'tis true,
If they were *books*, I would'nt read 'em through!'
—*Goethe*.

MEDICINAL MUSIC.

Without seeking in the least to detract from the originality displayed by Canon Harford in seeking to elevate the divine St. Cecilia to the exalted position of handmaid to the healing art, it is permissible to point out how, from the earliest ages, events have been tending in this direction. The benighted Greeks, with a sound instinct which does them infinite credit, indicated their belief in the connection between the two callings by constituting Apollo the tutelary Deity of both musicians and doctors. Orpheus, though in a tentative way, conducted some interesting experiments with a view to establishing the soothing effects of music on animate and inanimate nature before his career was cut short by the disintegrating onslaught of the Thracian Maenads. Snake charmers of all ages have employed music—of a sort—to effect their ends. In Southey's 'Commonplace Book' there is an interesting account of a nobleman in the low countries, a couple of centuries back, who at periodic intervals ordered his musicians to his stables to regale his stud with a long concert, which he found highly conducive to their physical well-being. Charles IX. found solace from his sufferings in listening to music; and in our own days we have known of several well-authenticated instances of delicate individuals galvanised into a condition of the greatest nervous activity by the persistent ministrations of a piano-organ.

Still no attempt was made to formulate these experiences and experiments until the founder of the Guild of St. Cecilia came on the scene, and, in the language of one of his foreign admirers, 'crystallised the vague notions of his predecessors, scattered and floating about from century to century, and elevated them to the level of a rigorous method of musical therapeutics.' Eighteen years ago a French *savant* wrote a treatise entitled 'The Effects and Influence of Music in Health and Disease,' but the work is out of print; and, at any rate, Dr Chomet, the author, never contemplated the practical step taken by Canon Harford. For here we are threatened—we beg pardon, provided—with a sort of musical 'Misericordia,' after the fashion of that famous Society in Florence. The members of the Guild will have a central establishment, where night and day they will be prepared to produce sweet sounds for transmission per telephone to the bedsides of their suffering clients, and where they can be always communicated with should their presence in person be preferred. Doubtless we shall come in time to have our electric call-boxes provided with a special signal for summoning the medical musician, so that within a very few minutes of the first symptoms of influenza or mumps making their appearance we shall be able to nip the ravages of these maladies in the bud by the application of the proper musical remedies. There will be, we fear, a few ribald sceptics who will talk about the melody being worse than the disease; but what great movement has not had its detractors? The supporters of the new departure can point in triumph to the etymology of the word Music (= Muse sick), and the curative value of vocal music is conclusively shown on homoeopathic principles by Dr. Hans von Bülow's definition of an operatic tenor as not a man, but a disease.

The great thing obviously to be aimed at in the new method of medical therapeutics is to make the musical prescription suit the disorder—we had almost said to make the punishment fit the crime. The experimental *séance* of the Guild was slightly disappointing in that the prescriptions were, so to speak, all compounded in the same way; the instruments employed being, in every case, the pianette, harp, and muted violin. Great care must be exercised in this matter, for in music, as in diet, 'what is one man's meat is another man's poison.' The curative properties of the pianoforte in general seem to be established by the Italian proverb 'Chi va piano, va sano,' but some eminent musicians and composers—notably, the late Mr Berlioz and his present successor as critic to the *Débats*, M. Reyer—cherish a feeling the reverse of sympathetic towards that instrument, and recently at some municipal election in Belgium one of the aspirants to office issued an address describing himself as the anti-pianistic candidate. Instruments like the tuba, the trumpet, and the double bassoon will always have to be used in small doses, except in cases where patients are sunk in a state of lethargy or coma, from which it is thought desirable that they should be roused at all hazards. Another point that suggests itself is the following. Drugs which would be disgusting, and even dangerous to persons in their normal health, are most beneficial and efficacious to the same persons when they are ill. Surely an analogy may be found to this in music. Thus we can readily imagine that A, a musical purist of the strictest sect, might, in the depression which succeeds influenza, be rescued from suicidal thoughts by the timely performance of fragments of Offenbach; while B, with tastes lying exclusively in the direction of the music halls, might owe his life, under similar circumstances, to a judicious selection from Wagner's 'Nibelungen.' Under ordinary circumstances, we can imagine that the medical musician might safely rely on the staff notation, but in the case of persons much in need of bracing, the tonic sol-fa system offers obvious advantages. Care will have to be taken in order to prevent unlicensed operators from usurping the functions of the Guild, and bringing the system into discredit by mere musical quackery. We have heard of a man who advertised a pill which he declared would cure club feet, and we have little doubt that some musical charlatans will profess their ability to restore hair to the baldest scalps and to work similar miracles, simply by playing the banjo over the part affected.

One of the inevitable results of the new departure will be the remodelling of a good deal of the musical terminology at present in use. Some of the changes and new terms suggest themselves irresistibly. Thus, on the analogy of the term *chorale*, we get the new form *chlorale*, to describe a piece of music, vocal or instrumental, of a soothing and soporific character. Then, again, the probable use of classical music to allay the disordered workings of the brain suggests the application of the term *febrifugue* to all compositions performed with this end in view. In some cases little or no alteration is needed. The connection between Gregorian tones and Gregory powders speaks for itself, and the term 'music of the spheres' may be retained to denote pieces played during the deglutition of pilules. We can imagine, again, that it will become quite a commonplace to allude to the pianofortitude of a patient in undergoing an operation. There will be doubtless a dietetic and possibly an aromatic scale, and organs will be constructed with *nux vomica* and *belladonna* stops.

But enough of fooling. What we should like to know is what the great leaders of the medical profession think of the new departure. For ourselves, the only thing that redeems the scheme from ridicule is the fact that the honoured name of Florence Nightingale is enrolled among its patronesses.—*Musical Times*.

PRAISE a man twice for something he did not do and he will be convinced that he did it.—*Atchison Globe*.

A JAPANESE GHOST STORY.

Some years ago, the wife of a farmer in the south-western part of Japan, whom we will call Saisuke, died. Her life had been far from happy: she had suffered much from the neglect and unkindness of her husband—indeed, her death seemed to be caused by the ill-treatment which she had received at his hands. However, she had borne all with great patience and without a murmur. Just before her death, she called Saisuke to her bedside. After assuring him of her forgiveness for the suffering he had caused her, she bade him an affectionate farewell and breathed her last. Saisuke was filled with unspeakable remorse for his conduct toward such a loving and self-forgetful wife. The more he thought about the matter, the worse his conduct seemed, and he was in great distress. When he lay down at night after all the house was still, to his great astonishment, his wife appeared, but in a very different temper from that manifested on her death bed. She rushed at her husband, seized him by the throat and threatened the direst vengeance for the wrongs she had received. In spite of all he could say, his wife continued her upbraidings all night long, but as all ghosts do, vanished with the first glimmer of dawn. The next night she appeared again and overwhelmed Saisuke with a like torrent of reproaches. A third night of equal distress followed. The poor fellow could stand it no longer. He consulted a Buddhist priest, the father confessor of the family, and begged him to repeat the necessary prayers for the repose of his wife's soul. The priest, after hearing his story, remarked that no doubt prayers would be useful, but that he had a better plan to propose. Accordingly, he told Saisuke to return home and as he went to buy a pint of small red beans. These were to be placed in a covered measure near the bed. 'When the ghost makes its appearance,' said the priest, 'do not fail to ask the number of beans in the measure.' Saisuke went home with a light heart, bought his beans and awaited the coming of the ghost. It came as usual, and in spite of his terror Saisuke managed to stammer out his question,—'How many beans are there in that measure?' The ghost could not answer and became furious at the attempt to divert her mind from vengeance by such a silly question. Saisuke's heart sank within him, but when morning came he went again to the temple to make his report. The priest did not seem so much surprised as Saisuke expected at the apparent failure of his plan, and simply told him to go home, buy some more beans and wait for the ghost. This time, however, the beans were to be white and they must be counted. The beans were brought and the number was found to be 215. Shortly before midnight the ghost came. Saisuke with mingled hope and fear blurted out—'How many beans are there this time?' The ghost answered as promptly as a boy at the head of his class—'215.' Though evidently pleased to have given a successful answer, the ghost did not relax its efforts to make the poor man miserable and again reproached him for trying to escape his due punishment by such trivial questions. Again hope died within his breast, and the next morning in utter despair he went to the priest. This time also, his confessor listened calmly and then exclaimed:—'Oh yes, it is just as I thought. Your ghost knows what you know and doesn't know what you don't know. You did not count the red beans and the ghost could not tell the number; but you counted the white beans and of course the ghost had a prompt answer. Don't you see? There is really no ghost at all outside of your own mind—it is all your imagination.' Indeed, it did seem very clear now that the priest had explained it, and Saisuke went home comforted. The next night, though not without some anxiety, he saw no ghost. For the first time since his wife's death he slept soundly. The ghost had gone never to return.—*Japan Mail*.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:—

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—Parade Service at 8.30 A.M. (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays.) Matins at 11. Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in the month. Evensong at 6.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road.—Minister Rev. G. H. Bondfield.—Services at 11.00 A.M. and 6 P.M.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Sailors' Home.—Service on Sunday, at 11 A.M. and 6.30 P.M. The Holy Communion is administered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 11 A.M.; on the 2nd and 5th at 7.30 A.M.; and on the 4th, at the Evening Service.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Garden Road.—9 A.M. Mass and Sermon, 5.30 P.M. Evening Service, Benediction.

GERMAN BETHESDA CHAPEL.—Service in the German language, by Rev. B. Gottschalk every Sunday, at 11 A.M., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per S. S. *Priam*, sailed 17th December:—For London, 10,931 boxes Tea, containing 229,551 lbs. Scented Caper, 4,300 boxes Tea containing 95,300 lbs. Congou, 1,408 boxes Tea, containing 29,589 lbs. Scented Orange Pekoe, 17 half-chests Tea, containing 646 lbs. Sorts—total 16,657 boxes containing 355,086 lbs. Tea, and 491 boxes Tea in transit; 130 cases Chinaware, 1,415 rolls Matting, 30 bales Waste Silk, 7 cases Silks, 1 case Curios, 53 pkgs. Canes, 1 box Silverware, and 302 casks and boxes Ginger; for Cape Town, 5 cases Cigars; for Montevideo and/or Buenos Ayres, 125 pkgs. Tea.

Per S. S. *Preussen*, sailed 19th December:—For Singapore, 169 pkgs. Deck Cargo; for Bremen/Hamburg, 9 bales Feathers; for Port Said, 5 pkgs. Private Effects and 4 pkgs. Glassware; for Hamburg, 45 cases Essential Oil and 20 cases Vermillion; for Genoa, 55 boxes Staraniseed, 50 boxes Cassia and 54 bales Canes; for Bremen, 24 boxes Ginger, 271 rolls Matting, 47 pkgs. Feathers and 11 pkgs. Sundries; for Antwerp, 104 bales Feathers, 43 pkgs. Bambooware, 44 pkgs. Rattancore, 18 cases Preserves, 8 cases Tea Sticks, 6 cases Black Bamboos and 26 cases Chinaware; for Amsterdam, 40 cases Chinaware, 1 case Bamboo baskets and 3 pkgs. Palm-leaf Fans; for London, 5 cases Essential Oil, and 10 cases Cigars from Manila.

Per S. S. *Pekin*, sailed 24th December:—For London, 50 bales Waste Silk, 7 cases Silk Piece Goods, 30 rolls Matting, 6 pkgs. Sundries, 587 pkgs. Tea, containing 13,890 lbs. Congou; for France, 209 bales Raw Silk, 18 cases Silks, and 9 cases Chinaware from Foochow; for Italy, 200 boxes Cassia Buds.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Dec. 24, 1891.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash,	...	487½
" Old " cash,	...	505
" New Benares, cash,		482½
" Old " cash,		—
" New Malwa credit,		490/500
" Allowance, Catties,		2/4½
" Old Malwa, credit,		500/30
" Allowance, Catties,		3/—
" Persian, Oily, cash,		300/20
" Allowance, Catties,		2/6
" Persian, Paper tied		300/30
" Allowance, Catties,		2/7

A PARADISE OF RHEUMATICS.

You meet all kinds of people at Aix-les-Bains (says Mark Twain in the first of six letters he is writing from that health resort) and if you give them a chance they will submerge you under their experiences, for they are either very glad or very sorry they came, and they want to spread their feelings out and enjoy them. One of these said to me:

'It's great, these baths. I didn't come here for my health, I only came to find out if there was anything the matter with me. The doctor told me if there was the symptoms would soon appear. After the first douche I had sharp pains in all my muscles. The doctor said it was different varieties of rheumatism, and the best varieties there were, too. After my second bath I had aches in my bones, and skull and around. The doctor said it was different varieties of neuralgia, and the best in the market, anybody would tell me so. I got many new kinds of pains out of my third douche. These were in my joints. The doctor said it was gout, complicated with heart disease, and encouraged me to go on. Then we had the fourth douche, and I came out on a stretcher that time, and fetched with me one vast, diversified, undulating continental kind of pain, with horizons to it, and zones, and parallels of latitude, and meridians of longitude, and variations of the compass—Oh, everything tidy and right up to the latest developments, you know. The doctor said it was inflammation of the soul, and just the very thing. Well, I went right on gathering them in, toothache, liver complaint, softening of the brain, nostalgia, bronchitis, osteology, fits, coleoptera, hydrangea, cyclopedia britannica, delirium tremens and a lot of other things that I've got down in my list that I'll show you, and you can keep it if you like and tally off the bric-a-brac as you lay it in.

'The doctor said I was a grand proof of what these baths could do; said I had come here as innocent of disease as a grindstone, and inside of three weeks these baths had sluiced out of me every important ailment known to medical science, along with considerable more that were entirely new and patentable. Why, he wanted to exhibit me in his bay window.'

There seem to be a good many liars this year. I began to take the baths and found them most enjoyable; so enjoyable that if I hadn't had a disease I would have borrowed one, just to have a pretext for going on.

After my first douche I went to the chemist's on the corner, as per instructions, and asked for half a glass of Challe water. It comes from a spring sixteen miles from here. It was furnished to me, but, perceiving that there was something the matter with it, I offered to wait till they could get some that was fresh, but they said it always smelt that way. They said that the reason that this was so much ranker than the sulphur water of the bath was that this contained thirty-two times as much sulphur as that. It may be true, but in my opinion that water comes from a cemetery, and not a fresh cemetery either. History says that one of the early Roman Generals lost an army down there somewhere. If he could come back now I think this water would help him to find it again. However, I drunk the Challe, and have drunk it once or twice every day since. I suppose it is all right, but I wish I knew what was the matter with those Romans.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, Saturday, 4 p.m., 26th December, 1891.

STOCKS.	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Paid-up.	Reserve & Working Account.	Last Dividend and when paid.	Closing Quotations.
Banks.						
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	$10,000,000	80,000	$125	$6,300,000 113,872	30/- for ½-year ending 30/6/91, Aug. 24, 91	168 % prem., cash
Bank of China, Japan & Straits, Ld.	£1,000,000	99,875	25/	£100,000 £2,111:15.2	4/- per share, Feb. 14, 91	$13½, sales
Do. New issue	£1,000,000	100,000				$13, sales and sellers
Do. Founders	—	1,250	£1	—	£6, February 14, 91	£110, sellers
National Bank of China, Ld.	£1,000,000	12,370 A shrs. L'don 29,058 B ,, China	A £2 B 4	First year.	First year	37½% dis. for 'B' shares on £4.10/.
Do. Do. (Founders)		750 founders	£1	—		$210, sellers
Marine Insurances.						
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	$2,500,000	10,000	$25	$800,000 483,905	26 per cent. for 1890, Oct. 12, 91	$92, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	$2,000,000	24,000	$25	$700,000 247,418	18 per cent. for year ending 31/4/90, Sept. 18, 91	$61, buyers
North China Insurance Co., Ld.	£1,000,000	6,000	£50	Tls. 320,000 423,722	10 per cent. for 1889	Tls. 257½, buyers
Yangtsze Insur. Association, Ld.	$800,000	8,000 6,948	$100	$455,131.46 430,425.12	$6 per share for 1889, March 12, 90	Tls. 74
Canton Insurance Office, Ld.	$2,500,000	10,000	$50	$550,000 511,107	final div. 4 % making 14 % for 1890, Oct. 23, 91	$107, buyers
Straits Insurance Co. Ld.	$3,000,000	30,000	$20	$25,000 216,615.09	5 per cent. for year ending 31/12/90, July 4, 91	$13, buyers
Fire Insurances.						
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ld.	$2,000,000	8,000	$50	$1,060,000 265,007	$18 per share for 1889, March 9, 91	$322½, sellers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	$2,000,000	20,000	$20	$748,600 231,876.04	30 per cent. for 1889, Feb. 26, 91	$91, sellers
Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	$2,000,000	20,000	$20	$60,000 108,840.55	3⅓ per cent. for 1889, March 27, 91	$17, buyers
Singapore Insurance Co., Ld.	$3,000,000	30,000 29,175	$20	$37,582.78 30,874.54	—	$10½, sellers
Shipping.						
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam-boat Co., Limited	$1,600,000	80,000	$20	$ * 85,000 † 800,000 311.19	4 per cent. for ½-year ending 30/6/91, Aug. 1, 91	$34, sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Limited	£1,200,000	60,000 49,589	£10	none £882.6/-	2½ per cent. for 1890, June 1, 91	25 % discount, sellers
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	$250,000	5,000	$50	$25,000 1,974.47	—	$40, nominal
Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	$1,000,000	20,000	$50	$ § 200,000 ‡ 40,731.90 3,607.63	5 per cent. for year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 28, 91	$38, sellers
China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.	£242,900	1st issue 12,145	£15	£85,000	Int. div. of 2 % prem. for 6 months to 30/6/91, October 14 and 24, 1891.	£15, sellers
Do. Do. new issue	120,000	6,000	11	2,384.17.5		£11, sellers
Steam Launch Company, Ld.	$100,000	2,000	$30	none $1,278.66	3 per cent. for ½-year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 1, 91	$30, sellers
Refineries.						
China Sugar Refining Co., Ld.	$1,500,000	15,000	$100	none $1,840.46	Int. div. $6 per share, Aug. 28, 91	$176
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ld.	$700,000	7,000	$100	none $2,941.29	$8 per share for 1890, March 28, 91	$52, buyers
Mining.						
Punjom Dua Samantan Mining Co., Ld.	$600,000	60,000	$10	none Dr. $319,362.31	—	$2, buyers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 4,000,000	8,000	Fs. 500	none Dr. $285,815.15	—	$410, cash
Selama Tin Mining Company, Limited	$575,000 $125,000	115,000 25,000	$2 $5	none Dr. $95,499.49	—	40 cents, sellers $1, sellers
Imuris Mines, Limited	£200,000	200,000	£1	First year	—	$9¼, cash
Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld.	$180,000	18,000	$10	none Dr. $17,076	—	nominal
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	$225,000	45,000	$5	none $4,705	7 per cent. ½-year ending 5/8/91, Oct. 15, 91	$4¼, buyers
Raub Australian Syndicate, Ld.	£1,000,000	1,000,000	18/1	none Dr. £12,442.12.1	—	70 cents, sales
Société Française des Houillères de Tourane	Frs. 4,000,000	4,000 4,000	Frs. 500 375	none Dr. $58,698.47	—	30 % dis., sellers
Docks, Wharves & Godowns.						
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	$1,562,500	12,500	$125	none $52,665.68	7 per cent. ½-year ending, Aug. 25, 91	81 % prem., buyers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited	$1,000,000	20,000	$50	none $2,585.92	Int. div. 4 per cent., August 4, 91	$63, cash
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Limited	$260,000	2,600	$37½	First year.	—	par, nominal
Land, Hotels & Building.						
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ld.	$5,000,000	50,000	$50	$1,250,000 881.64	Int. div. $2 per share, August 1, 91	$73, cash
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ld.	$300,000	6,000	$50	none $1,546.56	—	$10, buyers
West Point Building Co., Ld.	$625,000	12,500	$40	none $82.07	Int. div. 60 cents, July 20, 91	$25, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited	$300,000	6,000	$50	none	4 per cent. for ½-year ending 30/6/91.	$50
Do. New Issue	$300,000	6,000	$40	$2,661.53	50 cents p. share, ½-year end. 30/6/91, Sept. 7, 91	$37½
Austin Arms Hotel & Building Company, Limited	$200,000	4,000	$50	none Dr. $5,787.43	—	$8, sellers
Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Ld.	$200,000	4,000	$50	none Dr. $4,329.64	—	In liquidation
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Company, Ld.	$100,000	1,000	$100	$20,000	14 per cent. for 1890, April 17, 91	$200 buyers
Do. New Issue	$150,000	1,500	$100	$3,243.69		
Miscellaneous.						
Green Island Cement Company Limited	$1,000,000	20,000	$50	none Dr. $56,173.79	—	$10, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ld., in liq.	$750,000	7,500	$55	none Dr. $63,468.91	—	$10, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	$500,000	50,000	$10	140,000 * 25,000 † 10,000 4,342.74	Int. Div., 7 per cent. for 1891, Nov. 5, 91	$13½, buyers
Hongkong Trading Co., Ld.	$400,000	[illegible]	$5	none	5 per cent. for 1890, April 1, 91	par nominal
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	$300,000	6,000	$50	none $1,472.50	Int. div., $2 per share, Sept. 9, 91	$40, sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	$300,000	30,000	$8	none Dr. $6,879.79	—	$4½, sellers
Labuk Planting Co., Limited	$250,000	5,000	$50	none Dr. $90,604.73	—	$4, sellers
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Limited { old issue	£50,000	[illegible]	£10	£14,326.4.8	—	$120, nominal
Do. { new ,,	£20,000	[illegible]	7.10/-	£1,934.14.8	10 per cent. for 1890, and 2½ per cent. bonus, April 9, 91	
HK. Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	$150,000	3,000	$50	$25,000 6,119.60	$6 per share for 1890, March 24, 91	$112, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	$150,000	6,000	$25	$1,000 3,600.75	7 per cent. for 1890, March 11, 91	$15
Hongkong Ice Co., Limited	$125,000	5,000	$25	$46,000 508.78	Int. div. 8 per cent., Aug. 10, 91.	$80, sellers
Hongkong High Level Tramways Company, Limited	$125,000	1,250	$100	none $214.55	—	$65, sellers
Hongkong Brick and Cement Company, Limited	$100,000	4,000	$21.50	none Dr. $34,114.18	—	$10, sellers
Dairy Farm Co., Limited	$100,000	10,000	$10	none $333.58	—	$7, sellers
Craickshank & Co., Limited	$80,000	1,600	$50	none $546	—	nominal
H'kong & China Bakery Co., Ld.	$30,000	600	$50	none $793.07	$5 per share for 1890, March 17, 1891	$75, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	$12,000	1,200	$10	none $846.61	—	$6, sellers

Loans to Imperial Chinese Government.	Agents for the Loan.	Amount of Loan.	Par Value of Bonds.	Outstanding Bonds.	When Payable.	Closing Quotations.
Chinese Imperial Govt. 8% Silver Loan 1884 C	H.K. & S'hai Banking Cor.	$1,594,700 Hongkong Currency.	$500 H'kong Currency.	679	15 Oct. each year until 1892	$507½, buyers
Chinese Imperial Govt. 7% Silver Loan 1886 E	Do.	Shanghai Tls. 767,200.	Shanghai Taels 250.	2,916	31st Mch. and 30th Sept. each year until 31st Mar. 1917.	Tls. 275, buyers
Debentures.						
H.K. Hotel Co. 8% Mortgage Debentures 1889	Do.	$400,000 outstanding { $150,000 to be drawn 19/4/93; $150,000 ,, 19/4/95	$500	600	Half yearly, on 19th April and 19th October.	par, sellers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. 5½% Debentures of 1891	Do.	To be redeemed on { $100,000 [illegible] 1894; 100,000 ,, 1897; 150,000 ,, 1899; 150,000 ,, 1902 } 500,000 all at option of Co. on either of these dates.	$250	2,000	Half yearly, on 1st April and 1st October.	$280, buyers
China Merchants S. N. Co. 7% Mortgage Debentures	Do.	£300,000	£100	1,360	Quarterly up to 1st Sept., 95	£101

(*) Equalization of Dividend Fund. (†) Depreciation and Insurance Fund. (‡) Reserve and Depreciation Fund. (§) Fixed reserve Fund.

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HE—I really believe Miss Highup tried to cut us. She (rival belle)—If she had tried she would have succeeded. Did you ever see such a hatchet face!—*N. Y. Weekly.*

'I FEEL constrained to tell you, Fred, that I have been engaged before this,' she whispered. 'Don't mention it,' he said gently; 'I, too, have been jilted.'—*Harper's Bazar.*

'DID he literally steal?' said the horrified friend when he heard of a trusted employé's downfall. 'Well,' was the reply, 'as his method was to fix up the accounts, I suppose you might say he stole figuratively.'—*Washington Star.*

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Very true, but how can the public health be best promoted? Clearly by such preventive measures as the Congress meets to consider, and by reliable remedies so long as certain diseases continue to prevail.

We submit an example of the later necessity in the form of a statement which cannot fail to convince the minds of all who may read it.

[COPY.]

I, Margaret Morland, of Throstle Nest Farm, Haya Park, near Knaresboro', Yorkshire, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

'I have suffered all my life from a weak stomach, indigestion, and liver complaint. I was never properly well but always ailing and never seemed to gain strength. I had a bad taste in the mouth and a strange sinking feeling at the pit of my stomach. I had always pain after eating, no matter how simple the food was. My appetite was poor and what little I ate did not seem to give me strength. I had great pain at the chest and sides and felt as if I was held or bound round my waist. I was much troubled with sickness and very often found no ease until I vomited all the food I had taken. I felt low, weak, and depressed, as if something was hanging over me. I could not sleep at night, and got so bad that I even dreaded going to bed, for I would lie awake for hours together, and on rising in the morning I felt worse tired than when I went to bed. As years went on I became a bad colour, my skin and particularly the whites of my eyes were tinged of a yellowish colour, and at times I was as yellow as a sovereign. In August, 1880, my stomach became very irritable and everything that I took turned sour on my stomach, and I was constantly vomiting a foul bitter fluid or gas. I took little or no nourishment, and after each morsel of even liquid food I strained and vomited as if my poor inside would come out. The pain at my heart now became so severe that I became alarmed and sent for our doctor, who attended me for ten or twelve weeks, but all the medicine he gave me did no good. The doctor seemed puzzled with my complaint and changed the medicine over and over again, but still I got worse instead of better. At last I lost all faith in physic and gave up taking it. Now better, now worse, I continued until July, 1888, when my kidneys became affected. I had dreadful pain in the back and could not void my water. My skin was dry and hot, my lips parched and feverish. After a time the water lodged so bad that I thought I should have died. I grew weaker and weaker every day, and felt that if a change did not soon take place my condition would be critical, for the pain was more than I could bear. I could not even bide to lie in bed, and had to get out of bed and walk about the room. I took all kinds of medicines but nothing gave me more than temporary relief, and I dragged on in this miserable state until December, 1888, when Mr. Day, the chemist, at Knaresboro', sent me a book telling of a medicine called Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I read of a case similar to mine having been cured by this medicine. I determined to try it, and sent to Mr. Day and procured a large bottle of the Syrup and commenced taking it. I soon began to find relief, my food digested better and gave me strength, all pains in my back and sides left me. I could now sleep better and gradually gained strength every day, and by the time I had taken a 4/6 bottle I was better than ever I was in my life, and by taking an occasional dose I have since kept in good health. I may mention that I paid over six pounds to one doctor and did not receive any benefit whatever. I feel very grateful for the great benefit I have received from Seigel's Syrup, and I wish others to know of it. I have recommended the medicine to many people in this district with great benefit. My daughter, Mrs. Ware, living at York, was cured of severe dyspepsia after every other means had failed. If by publishing this statement others may be benefited I shall be very glad, and I hereby give permission to the proprietors of Seigel's Syrup to make any use they may think fit of this testimonial, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true. By virtue of the Provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835. (William IV. c. 62.)

Declared before me at Leeds, in the County of York, by the said Margaret Morland, on Monday, the 10th of August, 1891.
(Signed) ALF. COOKE,
Mayor of Leeds.

(Signed) Margaret Morland.

Mr. William Morland, the husband of this lady, is a farmer, well known and highly respected. He has lived on his present farm at Throstle Nest, Hays Park, seventeen years, and in the district all his life. He was present at Leeds when the foregoing declaration by his wife was read, and vouched for its accuracy and truth. Mrs. Morland's malady, indigestion and dyspepsia, is sufficiently common and fatal to make it a duty to give the widest publicity to any remedy that will cure it. Hence our mention of the above case in connection with the work of the society of which His Royal Highness is President.

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